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Don't forget to Vote November 2!
You have a voice in government!

Know the candidates and make your vote count. Make sure your voice is heard by voting. If you need more information on the upcoming elections, please call the number of your municipality listed below.

- City of Milwaukee Election Commission286-3491
- Milwaukee County Election Commission278-4060
- West Allis Election & Voting Information302-8200
- Greenfield City Clerk329-5219

16th District Milwaukee County Supervisor John WEISHAN Jr.

Milwaukee Public MUSEUM

Dino Family Fun at the Milwaukee Public Museum!

- **Scenes of the Dinosaurs presented by Bank One**
Through Jan. 10, 2005
Meet 14 robotic dinos that snap their jaws and crane their necks! Dig for dino bones in the Big Dig Box (10 a.m.-3 p.m. daily). **FREE** with Museum admission!
- **"T. rex: Back to the Cretaceous" at the Humphrey IMAX® Dome Theater**
Through Jan. 10, 2005
Stare down a 15-ton *T. rex* on the 60-foot IMAX screen! Feel the Earth rumble under elephant-size *Hadrosaurus*!

FREE child Museum admission
with the purchase of one adult admission at regular price

Not valid for the Humphrey IMAX® Dome Theater, or with any other offer or discount. Offer expires Jan. 10, 2005.
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I would like to introduce you to a new member of the Weishan household and a new constituent to the 16th District. On May 10, 2004 my wife Karen and I were blessed with a beautiful little girl we named Maddalyn Ann Weishan.

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Milwaukee County Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr.
901 North 9th Street, Room 201
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Free Admission to Milwaukee Attractions!
Complimentary admission to Milwaukee County Residents with a valid ID on the following days:

Milwaukee Public MUSEUM <i>A World of Difference</i> Free every Monday Saturday	MITCHELL PARK DOMES Free every Monday from 9:00-11:30 a.m. (except major holidays)	MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM Free 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon Mondays and Saturdays	Milwaukee County ZOO Free November 13 and December 4
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Please send me the following information:

- ☐ County Map
- ☐ County Parks Guide
- ☐ County Transit Guide
- ☐ Milwaukee County Golf Course Discount Card Application
- ☐ Other Info:



Comments for Supervisor Weishan:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE & ZIP: _____

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Dear neighbors:

I hope this newsletter finds all of you well. I would like to thank all of you who showed your support for me during the spring election and the first few months representing the new 16th district.

As your voice on the county board, I look forward to upholding the high standards that make the 16th district a wonderful place to live.

We have a vibrant hard-working community and I am committed to providing the high quality service that our district expects and deserves.

Please feel free to contact my office with any questions, suggestions or concerns.

Thank you

John

Budget Facts: Taxes & State Mandates

Many people are not aware that the State of Wisconsin **requires** Milwaukee County to fund areas of service such as the State Court System, Youth Delinquency Services and the Sheriff's Department Detention Bureau.

State-Required Funding From County Property Taxes	
State Court System	\$32,772,497
Youth Delinquency Services	20,495,725
Sheriff's Detention Bureau	40,008,514
DHS Patient Services	31,221,161
House of Correction	35,876,909
Total	\$160,374,806

Milwaukee County Tax Levy	\$219,494,183
State Required Funding	160,374,806
Remaining Tax Levy	\$59,119,377

Over 73% of the Milwaukee County tax levy is used to pay for state-required programs and services. Instead of calling it a **County Property Tax**, it should be renamed a **State Property Tax!** State mandates have increased at a rate of 3.22% per year.

Schedule for the 2005 Budget

Thursday, September 30

Presentation of the County Executive's budget to the County Board and Public.

October 7-October 28

Finance and Audit Review of the 2005 Budget. Committee meetings will include consideration of budget amendments by members of the Committee as well as other Supervisors.

Monday, October 11

Finance and Audit Committee Public Hearing on the County Executive's Recommended Budget at 4:30 p.m. at the Zoofari Conference Center.

Monday, November 1

County Board Public Hearing on the budget at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington Park Senior Center.

Monday, November 8

County Board Annual Meeting to adopt the budget, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The 2005 Milwaukee County Budget

The first and best place to start when putting any budget together, whether at home or at the county, is to make a commitment to honesty and reality. The 2005 budget submitted by the County Executive needs a healthy dose of both. As your County Supervisor, I believe in holding the line on property taxes as well as presenting the true and realistic results of that pledge.

Major increases in health insurance along with the increased cost of providing basic services have placed a tremendous burden on this year's budget. The County Executive has chosen not to address these issues for the long term but instead present two very troubling proposals.

First, the issuing of pension obligation bonds is, in short, a plan to borrow \$260 million and reinvest that money with the hope of earning a greater return. This scheme can only be described as extremely risky given today's financial climate. If the value of the investments goes down, it would have catastrophic fiscal implication for Milwaukee County.

Secondly, the proposal to sell \$11.6 million of county land is extremely speculative. Currently, Milwaukee County has millions of dollars worth of land for sale.

In a typical year, land sales can produce between \$1 million and \$2 million of revenue. To over-inflate the projected revenue from land sales is extremely irresponsible. Failure of either or both of these risky proposals will result in devastating mid-year cuts to services and to quality of life areas such as parks.

I believe the budget to be a contract with the taxpayers, in return for the citizens' hard-earned tax dollars; Milwaukee County promises to use that money to provide needed core services.

Major changes will be needed to make this budget realistic, honest and one that delivers quality services without over-burdening the taxpayers of Milwaukee County.

Determining what goes into the 2005 county budget is a very difficult process. As your County Supervisor, I would like your input and will be holding numerous town hall meetings to discuss the effects of each budget proposal.

Working together, I am sure our community can overcome any difficulties that may lay ahead.

Come discuss District concerns and questions you may have about the 2005 Budget with your neighbors and County Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr. at one of the following community meetings

Monday, **October 18** at 7:00 p.m.
Fairview Elementary School
6500 Kinnickinnic River Parkway

Wednesday, **October 20** at 7:00 p.m.
West Allis City Hall
7525 West Greenfield Avenue

Tuesday, **October 26** at 7:00 p.m.
Zablocki Park Pavilion
3717 W. Howard Avenue

Thursday, **October 28** at 7:00 p.m.
Jackson Park Boat House
3900 W. Kinnickinnic River Parkway

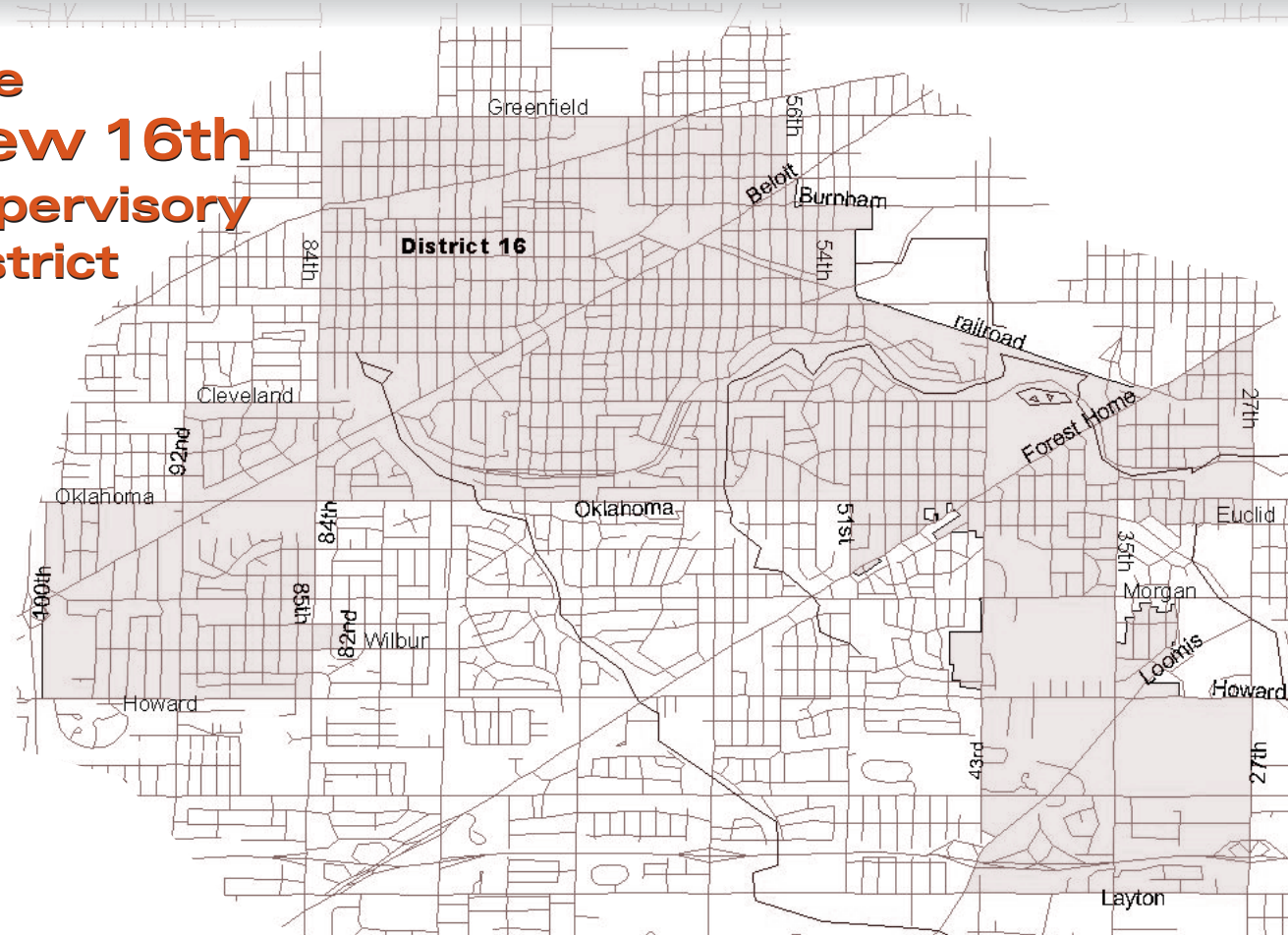
Tuesday, **October 19** at 7:00 p.m.
Horace Mann Elementary
6213 W. Lapham Street

Monday, **October 25** at 7:00 p.m.
McCarty Park Pavilion
2567 S. 79th Street

Wednesday, **October 27** at 7:00 p.m.
Alcott Park Pavilion
3751 South 97th Street



The New 16th Supervisory District



Ways to Improve our community

Become a Foster Parent

There are over 3,000 children in the foster care system in Milwaukee County. These children have been placed into care under the jurisdiction of the Milwaukee County Children's Court for various reasons including physical and sexual abuse, neglect and abandonment. Foster care is designed to provide a nurturing and loving environment where these children can grow and thrive until they can be reunited with their birth families.

Currently, there are only 1,400 licensed foster parents in Milwaukee County. Many people who are interested in becoming foster parents are reluctant to pursue it because of the many misconceptions that people have about what it takes to be licensed as a foster parent. You may obtain a foster care license if you are single or married, employed full time or part time, a renter or homeowner, living outside Milwaukee County and even if you have no children of your own.

There is a great need for more foster parents in Milwaukee County. Foster parenting can be an extremely rewarding experience and is a good way for someone who loves children to give back to the community.

First Choice for Children is a program of Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. In conjunction with the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare, First Choice for Children provides licensing, regulation and support services for foster parents within Milwaukee County. If you would like to learn more about becoming a foster parent contact First Choice for Children at (414) 264-KIDS.

Give a child the gift of a family.

Community Spotlight:

Louisa May Alcott Elementary School honored as a Blue Ribbon School

Congratulations to Principal John Valdes, the teaching staff, the parents and all the students that have worked to achieve the prestigious honor of being named a Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. 256 Schools nationwide were selected as Blue Ribbon Schools for achieving one of three goals:

- 1) Schools with at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds that dramatically improve student performance on state tests, as determined by the state school chief.
- 2) Schools whose students, regardless of background, achieve in the top 10 percent on state tests.
- 3) Private schools that achieve in the top 10 percent in the nation.

Alcott Elementary, thank you for providing our children the opportunity to accomplish their dreams!

Senior Statesman: LAURETTA BARWICK



Thank you Laretta Barwick for representing the 16th District in the Milwaukee County Senior Statesman Program. Laretta participated in a two-day learning session that teaches Statesmen how to be advocates on behalf of the concerns of seniors. She attended a County Board Meeting, met government officials, visited a courtroom, toured the jail, and participated in many events that provided insight to the workings of County government. Please contact the Milwaukee County Department on Aging at 289-6873 if you are interested in becoming a Statesman in 2005.